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Normally, when the banking system has structural excess liquidity in relation to the Riksbank, market operations are aimed at reducing the liquidity in the system and, when the banking system has a structural liquidity shortage, the market operations are aimed at increasing liquidity.

In case of excess liquidity - Riksbank Certificates

As the banking system has excess liquidity surplus in relation to the Riksbank, the regular market operations are currently aimed at absorbing liquidity from the market. Therefore, the Riksbank issues its own securities called Riksbank Certificates.

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In case of a liquidity shortage - monetary policy repos or collateralised credit

If the banking system had had a liquidity shortage in relation to the Riksbank, the regular market operations would instead have been aimed at supplying liquidity to the market. To do this, the Riksbank could, for example, have implemented monetary policy repos, or provided collateralised credit.

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The Riksbank's market operations can also affect the balance between supply and demand for different securities.

In accordance with a decision taken in February 2023, the Riksbank regularly sells nominal and real government bonds from its securities holdings in order to tighten monetary policy and thus safeguard the inflation target.

The Riksbank's sales of government bonds are conducted exclusively in the secondary market.

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Holdings of securities, and previous purchases

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